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General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation)
Sixty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

15:00	275th meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting (closed) of the General Assembly on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held *today,* 3 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 December 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch
2. Executive meeting

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Organizational Committee

10:00 to 13:00 1st meeting Conference Room 6

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda (PBC/10/OC/1)
2. Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its ninth session (PBC/9/OC/L.1)
3. Election of officers
4. Work plan of the Peacebuilding Commission
5. Other matters

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Progress update of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic pursuant to paragraph 17 (d) of resolution 2196 (2015)
2. Other matters

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 15th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]
2. Adoption of the report of the Committee [item 10]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the website of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00 2nd meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

1. Opening of the regular session
2. Election of officers [item 1]
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.5/2016/1) [item 2]
4. Statement by the Assistant-Secretary-General for Economic Development
5. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2016/2) [item 3]

   (a) Priority theme: rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world (E/CN.5/2016/3, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/1, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/2, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/3, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/4, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/5, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/6, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/7, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/8, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/9, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/10, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/11, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/12, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/13, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/14, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/15, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/16, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/17, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/18, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/19, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/20, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/21, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/22, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/23, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/24, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/25, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/26, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/27, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/28, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/29, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/30, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/31, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/32, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/33, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/34, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/35, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/36, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/37, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/38, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/39, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/40, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/41, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/42, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/43, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/44, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/45, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/46, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/47, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/48, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/49, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/50, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/51, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/32, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/52, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/54, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/55, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/56, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/57, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/58, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/59, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/60, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/61, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/62, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/63, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/64, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/65, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/66, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/67, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/68, E/CN.5/2016/NGO/69 and E/CN.5/2016/NGO/70)

   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups (A/71/61–E/2016/7)

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(v) Family issues, policies and programmes

(c) Emerging issues: implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: moving from commitments to results for achieving social development (E/CN.5/2016/4)

Introductory statement

Presentation of the outcome of the Civil Society Forum

Presentation by a youth representative

General discussion (on item 3 (a))

15:00 to 18:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2016/2) [item 3]

(a) Priority theme: rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world (E/CN.5/2016/3)

Panel discussion on "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world"

[Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.]

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session

10:00 to 13:00 — 4th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget (E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.1) [item 10]
2. UNICEF resource mobilization strategy (UNICEF/2016/EB/3) [item 9]
3. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action [item 5]

13:15 to 14:45 — Informal consultations — Conference Room 3

15:00 to 17:00 — 5th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Evaluation reports and management responses [item 7]
   (a) Plan for global thematic evaluations 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017 (E/ICEF/2016/3)
   (b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region, and management response
2. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors (A/70/5/Add.3) [item 8]
3. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings (UNICEF/2016/EB/2) [item 4]

17:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations — Conference Room 3

[During the session, members of the Group of Western European and Other States will meet *daily* from 09:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room A.]

[Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart website (*click here*).]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations *today*, 3 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: on developing stronger field support arrangements (The Under-Secretary-General of Field Support will make a presentation. Attendance at the highest possible level is strongly encouraged.).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today,* 3 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement (on the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture Review Report)

14:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

16:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Briefing on the report of the High-level Panel on Humanitarian Financing entitled "Too important to fail – addressing the humanitarian financing gap" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

From *10:15 to 11:15,* in Conference Room 7. [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact OCHA (Ms. Laura Rodriguez (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770); or Mr. David Sharrock (e-mail sharrockd@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6328)).]

Briefing on the new report entitled World Employment Social Outlook – Trends 2016 (organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).]

Event on "The social dimension of the 2030 Agenda" (co-organized by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) and the Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Cecilie Golden, UNESCO (e-mail c.golden@unesco.org).]

Special event on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5) on "Interfaith harmony: Implementing the transformative Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals" (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Committee of Religious NGOs)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217); or Ms. Deborah Moldow (e-mail deborah@worldpeace.org; tel. 1 (914) 707-0009); to register, please *click here*.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative: up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting to hear a briefing on the progress made in launching a Technology Facilitation Mechanism, on Friday, 5 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The General Assembly will also hold an informal meeting for an exchange of views on the advanced unedited version of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on Friday, 5 February 2016, immediately following the adjournment of the briefing on Technology Facilitation Mechanism, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 28 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting of the General Assembly to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the occasion of the launch of his report for the World Humanitarian Summit, will be held on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, at 11:00, in Conference Room 3. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 1 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The President of the General Assembly will convene a briefing to stakeholders on the high-level thematic debates that he intends to convene during the resumed part of the seventieth session, on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, at 13:15, in Conference Room 5. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 November 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal interactive stakeholder consultation, in support of the preparatory process for the United Nations General Assembly special session on the world drug problem (UNGASS), will be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 20 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting of the General Assembly to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) will be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016, at 16:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting of the General Assembly to hold a special thematic event on building synergy and coherence in the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda, will take place on Thursday, 11 February 2016, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 15 December 2015 and 26 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place in June 2016.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

An informal meeting of the Second Committee, convened by the Chair of the Committee (Slovenia), will be held on Friday, 5 February 2016, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the relevance and impact of the work of the Committee in contributing to the international development objectives, followed by a meeting co-chaired by the Vice-Chairs of the Committee (Germany and Indonesia) to discuss the review of the methods of work of the Committee. All members and observers are invited to attend.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the seventieth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 29 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued as document A/C.5/70/L.25.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee at the following address http://www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit any changes or additions to their delegation or changes to the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, *in writing*, by note verbale or using form A/INF/70/2, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (c/o Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241, fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Friday, 5 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1, on children and peacekeeping.

The briefing on operational field issues will now take place during the 2016 session of the Special Committee.

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add 1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/).

Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted bv e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2016 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on *Monday, 1 February 2016*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart4@un.org, *at least two hours in advance*, of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2016 session from Tuesday, 16, to Wednesday, 24 February 2016. The 281st meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.140 and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 16 February, *is open.* Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963), if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all Member States of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2016 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 25 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at the meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2016/L.1 and A/AC.109/2016/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3266; Room S-3062; with copy to Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org; Room S-3055; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2016.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be plenary meetings (closed) of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 February 2016, and from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 March, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 5 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing of the UN-Women Executive Board on the review of the UN-Women Evaluation Policy on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold an informal briefing with the representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, on the second phase of the Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, as part of the ongoing dialogue held pursuant to Council resolution 2014/14. The briefing will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Honduras) on Wednesday, 10 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras, Office

for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail pricec@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1523).

Operational activities for development segment (22-24 February 2016) [item 7 and sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of the agenda (E/2016/1)]

The 2016 operational activities for development segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Héctor Alejandro Palma Cerna (Honduras), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 February 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Additional information on the operational activities for development segment is available on the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). or more information please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of agenda item 7 as a whole will be held on Tuesday, 23 February 2016, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 24 February 2016, from 11:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 16:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers for the general discussion should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of Council (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the email. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations.

Coordination and Management Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting, to be held from Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); or by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development", under item 3 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Amina Smaila (Nigeria), will take place on Thursday, 4 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on Friday, 5 February 2016, from 13:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development", under item 2 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Luz Andujar (Dominican Republic), will take place on Friday, 5 February 2016, from 16:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room B.

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

Briefings

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission, scheduled to take place from 8 to 11 March 2016, a briefing for civil society organizations will be held on Monday, 29 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

In addition, a briefing for permanent missions will be held on Wednesday, 2 March 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 8, to Friday, 11 March 2016, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2016/1 and E/CN.3/2016/L.1, respectively.

Representatives of States members of the Commission, who are entitled to travel expenses coverage by the United Nations, are requested to kindly complete and submit to the secretariat *at the earliest convenience* the forms distributed in this regard. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Li Wang (e-mail wangl@un.org; fax ! (212) 963-4569).

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the session.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations. In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Victor Leu (e-mails leu@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; Room S-3059; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Decade for Action on Nutrition" (under agenda item 15) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Friday, 5 February 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8; and

Monday, 8 February 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 9.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (at the expert level) (Arab Media day)

Thursday, 4 February 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

Thursday, 4 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber*; and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

Briefing on "Focus on faith series: Promoting peace and reconciliation to counter violent extremism" (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 4 February 2016, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Special events on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5))

Event on the theme "Building bridges across boundaries: Prompting peace and harmony to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ethiopia, Indonesia and Jamaica, in partnership with the United African Congress, the Give Them a Hand Foundation, the Nusantara Foundation, the Buddha's Light International Association and the International Association of Applied Psychology)

Thursday, 4 February 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Haileselassie Subba Gebru, Permanent Mission of Ethiopia (e-mail hisu2003@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 421-1830).]

Event on the theme "Countering xenophobia through interfaith cooperation" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan and the Permanent Observer Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation)

Thursday, 4 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of OIC (e-mail oicnyc@un.int).]

Unveiling of commemorative "Free and Equal" postage stamps, promoting LGBT equality worldwide (co-organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA))

Thursday, 4 February 2016, at 16:00, in the Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the "Free and Equal" Campaign (e-mail unfe@ohchr.org).]

Every Woman Every Child event "Towards a Cervical Cancer Free World" (on the occasion of the World Cancer Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Zambia, the United States Mission and the Cervical Cancer Action)

Thursday, 4 February 2016, at 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Birgitte Bellsund, EOSG (e-mail bellsund@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8899). For more information, please *click here.*]

Event on "Interfaith role in peace and justice" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Kiribati and the Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL))

Friday, 5 February 2016, from 12:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Justine Su, Permanent Mission of Kiribati (e-mail kimission.newyork@mfa.gov.ki; tel. 1 (212) 867-3310); or Ms. Jennifer Junn (e-mail nyhwpl@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 207-2504; or 1 (646) 645-8487).]

Parliamentary Hearing on "The world drug problem: Taking stock and strengthening the global response" (co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Monday, 8 February 2016, from 09:30 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Alessandro Motter, IPU (e-mail am@ipu.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Experiences in combating female genital mutilation/cutting" (on the occasion of the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (6 February)) (co-organized by the United States Mission and the Permanent Observer Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation)

Monday, 8 February 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Amierah Ismail, Permanent Observer Mission of the OIC (e-mail aismail@oicun.org).]

Event on "Market economies: Insights and warnings of Catholic social teaching" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, in collaboration with the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation (CAPP-USA))

Monday, 8 February 2016, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

Special high-level event on "In stronger partnership and better coordination of efforts to stop human trafficking: Eradicating modern-day slavery through sustainable development" (organized by the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC))

Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Larysa Belskaya, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail belskaya.larysa1234@gmail.com; tel. 1 (917) 664-3776).]

Event on "Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016): Focus on people, public health and human rights" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia, Norway and Switzerland)

Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 15:30 to 17:30, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail simone.eymann@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9851).]

Conference on the Human Rights of Victims of Terrorism (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT))

Thursday, 11 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Junyan Zwazl, UNCCT/CTITF (e-mail xu15@un.org).]

High-level Forum on the occasion of the first annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science (organized by the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), in collaboration with the Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 11 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. Amine Lamrabat, DESA (e-mail lamrabat@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9456); or Mr. Richard Jordan, RASIT (e-mail nyun@rasit.org or wisil@rasit.org; tel. 1 (917) 503-3868). For more information, please *click here*.]

Event entitled "The role of local finance solutions in rural transformation" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Thursday, 11 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).]

High-level meeting on "The value of hosting mega sport events as social, economic and environmental sustainable development tool" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Germany, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Tunisia, and the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace)

Tuesday, 16 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ahmed Mohamed J. Al-Thani, Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail ajalthani@mofa.gov.qa; tel. *1 (212) 486-9335, ext. 887*).]

Panel discussion on "More than a mission mandate: Towards sustainable peace" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Tuesday, 16 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Monzon, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail mita.thaimission@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 146).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, will hold its second session on Wednesday, 10, and Thursday, 11 February 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 10 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

The session will be preceded by informal meetings on Tuesday, 9 February, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room XVIII.

The agenda is contained in document A/AC.285/1. The calendar and programme of work, background information on the Working Group and relevant documents are available by *clicking here*.

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *February 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and Spanish)

Finding speeches

General Assembly documentation

Security Council documentation

Basic research on United Nations topics

Law Library overview

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

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2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 2 February 2016

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

[archived video]

7th meeting

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected Israel and Portugal, by acclamation, to fill outstanding vacancies on the Commission for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session, in 2019.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2016; one member from the Western

European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, in 2017; one member from the Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session, in 2019; and two members from the African States and three members from the Western European and other States for terms beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-fifth session (to be held in 2016) and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session, in 2020.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Council elected Hungary and Slovakia, by acclamation, to fill outstanding vacancies on the Commission for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected Bangladesh, by acclamation, to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Executive Board for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2018.

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

The Council was informed that Denmark had resigned from its seat on the Programme Coordinating Board effective 31 December 2015. The Council then elected Norway, by acclamation, to complete the term of office for Denmark beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2017.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and South Africa, by acclamation, to the Governing Council for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2019.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of five members from the Western European and other States, all for terms beginning on the date of election, with two terms expiring on 31 December 2016, two terms expiring on 31 December 2018; and one term expiring on 31 December 2019.

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council elected Kazakhstan, by acclamation, in accordance with Council resolution 2015/1 of 4 March 2015, for an outstanding vacancy on the Organizational Committee for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2016.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-President of the Council (Switzerland).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

13th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, South Africa, Mauritania, the United States, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India and Israel.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Nicaragua, the United States, India and Mauritania.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting resumed.

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, South Africa, the United States and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting resumed.

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the United States, Greece, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua and Mauritania.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to one non-governmental organization.

14th meeting

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, the United States, the Sudan, China and India.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the Members of the Committee.

The representatives of South Africa, China, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation posed questions to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People (MAZLUMDER); and Stiftung Wissenschaft Und Politik.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 9 non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Minamata Convention on Mercury. Kumamoto, 10 October 2013

Acceptance: Japan (2 February 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Swaziland
His Excellency Zwelethu Msini

Asia-Pacific States:
India
His Excellency Syed Akbaruddin

Eastern European States:
Armenia
His Excellency Zohrab Mnatsakanyan

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Uruguay
His Excellency Elbio Rosselli

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
His Excellency Christian Wenaweser

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Electronic documents

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription

A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service at www.undocs.org. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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